

## Cosatu plans 'funeral march' for e-tolls

The Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) plans to hold a symbolic "funeral march" for Gauteng's e-toll system over the weekend.



Cosatu is planning to hold a 'funeral march' for etolls and says it will have a symbolic coffin there to symbolise the imminent collapse of the tolling system. Image: <u>Doubtful News</u>

Cosatu provincial secretary Dumisani Dakile said the labour federation had been encouraged by the Gauteng ANC's rejection of e-tolls and hoped national government would see that the system was collapsing.

He said: "We will bring a coffin, which will represent the last funeral of the e-tolls. Victory might not be this weekend or even next week, but it will happen."

He dismissed threats that protesters who burned their bills would face arrest.

National Taxi Alliance spokesman Theo Malele said taxi operators would participate in the protest as 80% of them were being billed because they had no permits.

Dakile said the government was shirking its duty to provide Gauteng residents with a proper public transport system. He said the money wasted on the Gautrain would be better spent on upgrading the metro rail system.

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